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NEW PARISHIONERS... St. Aloysius extends a warm welcome to all who are joining us for prayer, worship, or instruction. If you are new to the area or returning home to the Church, we invite you to register and make St. Aloysius your parish. Registration forms can be obtained at the church, on our website, or by calling the rectory.

FIND A SMALL GROUP... Find Small Group Faith Formation opportunities in our area for both adults and high school teens by visiting www.ConnectStMarys.com.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA) is the process of welcoming new members to the Catholic Church. It is intended for adults who have never been baptized or for adults who have been baptized Christian and now wish to practice the faith in the Catholic tradition. It is an ongoing process of formation, catechesis and liturgical rites. Anyone interested is asked to call the rectory to discuss the process.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM... Parents are asked to call the parish office to register for the Baptismal Preparation Meeting and for the baptism of their child. Parents are expected to be participating members of the parish.

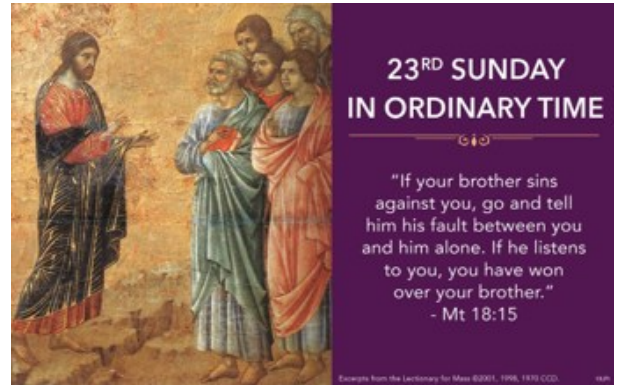
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE... Couples seeking to be married in the Church are to make arrangements with the pastor six months to one year in advance of their intended wedding date, in order to allow time for marriage preparation. At least one of the engaged should be a registered and practicing member of the parish.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK... The Sacrament of the Sick is for the spiritual comfort, strength and healing of the ill. If there is a need for the sacrament in your family or household, please contact the rectory as soon as possible.

FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL... Pre-K-8th Grade. If interested, please contact Mrs. Lauren Breedlove in the school office Monday through Friday 8:00am - 3:00pm, 301-475-9795 for space availability.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION... Pre-K-8th Grade, Sundays from 9:15 AM to 10:30 AM, during the school year. To register please contact Leonard Wathen at the Rectory or visit the parish website.

September 6, 2026
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am and 11:00 am
Daily: 12:15 pm Tuesday & Thursday
8:15 am Wednesday & Friday
7:30 am Saturday

HOLY DAY MASSES: As Announced inside the Bulletin.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: 7 days a week: 6:30-7:30 AM/PM

FIRST FRIDAYS: Mass at 8:15 am

FIRST SATURDAYS: Mass at 7:30 am, Holy Hour till 9:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Thursday: 11:30-12 Noon— 12:45-1:15pm (Sept.-June)
Saturday: 3:30-4:30 pm

STAFF

Pastor.....Rev. David W. Beaubien, V.F., ext. 14
Parochial Vicar.....Rev. Martin Begley, ext. 19
Deacon.....Deacon Joe Vavrus
Deacon.....Deacon Matt Menard
Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper.....Denise Becher, ext.10
Receptionist/Bulletin EditorIzel Ventura, ext.11
Religious Education/Youth Ministry.....Leonard Wathen, ext.16
Coordinator of Music.....Beth Domingue
Custodian.....Robert Barger
Principal, Father Andrew White SchoolJanet Szoeh

RECTORY HOURS: Monday-Thursday 9 am-4 pm
Friday 9 am-3 pm



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PASTOR'S CORNER

"An Expert in Humanity"

Matthew 18:15-20

There are only two places in the gospels where the word "church" is mentioned, both instances in Matthew. Here (chapter 18), the church is to be the tribunal of last resort to admonish apparent sinners, and earlier (chapter 16), where Jesus says he will build his church on the rock of Peter's confession of faith. In the latter occurrence, Jesus extended to all the apostles the authority originally granted to Peter to bind and loose from sins, that is, to engage in the ministry of reconciliation.

It would seem odd were the ministry of reconciliation to have come to an end with the death of the last apostle and not be extended to the people of God throughout subsequent history. Furthermore, if the Church can be the tribunal for moral judgments, it should also be competent to weigh in on questions pertaining to revealed doctrine about God and man and to separate truth from falsehood.

There is sadly lacking today universal agreement among Christians about moral and theological issues. By some measure, there are as many Christian denominations today as grains in a handful of sand, including those who claim to be "non-denominational." (They are nonetheless a denomination.) At the end of the Sermon on the Mount (chapters 5-7), Jesus warned about building one's house on sand, rather than on rock. Surely, the handful of sand of thousands of denominations cannot be the "rock" on which Jesus intended to build his church! The rock is the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, which he founded.

Perhaps the scarce mention of "church" in the gospels was because at the time, Jesus *was* the visible personification of the Church. After Pentecost, however, his gift of the Holy Spirit forged the bond of unity among all the geographically separated communities to be founded by the apostles, their assistants and successors.

Within that Church is the fellowship where there is much agreement for what to pray (*vs. 19*). Here, in word and sacrament, Jesus is in our midst. Through the Spirit, his saving ministry is still active, fulfilling in us all that it means to be human. In recent papal documents (for example, *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis*, #7, Pope John Paul II, 1987), having the authority of Christ, the Church has been called "an expert in humanity." Before that, according to the *Pastoral Constitution of the Church in the Modern World*, #4 (1965), "the Church has always had the duty of scrutinizing the signs of the times and of interpreting them in the light of the Gospel." We should listen then to the Church's pronouncements on right and wrong, inspired and supported as she is by the Holy Spirit of Truth down through the ages!

~Fr. David

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK

Tuesday, Sept. 8:	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Rev. Robert F. Keffer
12:15 pm	
Wednesday, Sept. 9:	St. Peter Claver, Priest Meta & James Wilt, Sr.
8:15 am	
Thursday, Sept. 10:	
12:15 pm	Rev. Joseph Enders, S.J. (anniv. of death, 1884) erected 2nd St. Aloysius Church
Friday, Sept. 11:	
8:15 am	Joe Barila
Saturday, Sept. 12:	The Most Holy Name of Mary Rev. Michael J. Murray <i>Pro populo</i>
7:30 am	
5:00 pm	
Sunday, Sept. 13:	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am	
11:00 am	

PLEASE
REMEMBER



IN
PRAYER

The Sick and Homebound in our Community

We lift up in prayer all those in our parish community who are ill or hospitalized.

May God's healing grace comfort and strengthen them.

David & Dolly Abell, Jeanne Bean, Dr. Joseph Bicknell, Wally Bowles, McKinley Briscoe, Michael Brooks, Loretta Broxson, Timothy Butler, Evelyn Candelaria, Fr. Rory Conley, Donna Corcoran, Susie Crocco, Ann Davis, Jim Davis, Charles Davis Sr., Nolma Diamond, Jr., Jeff Flick, Mary Claire FitzGerald, Stephanie Gonzalez, Bertha Hunt, Jim Hutchison, Jonathan Kibler, George Lancaster, Lainie Mattingly, Sherry Marigliano, Virginia McKeen, Irene Michaud, Chuck Miller, Cy Munley, Kristy Nelson & Madison, DeShawn Plater, Harry Rogers, Jerry Thompson, Dustin Williams and Lee Wilson.

RESPECT LIFE

Mother Teresa, in all aspects of her life, was a generous dispenser of divine mercy, making herself available for everyone through her welcome and defense of human life, those unborn and those abandoned and discarded. She was committed to defending life, ceaselessly proclaiming that "the unborn are the weakest, the smallest, the most vulnerable." *Pope Francis, Homily of the Canonization of Mother Teresa, September 4, 2016* © 2026 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.



Did you know the Church celebrates three major Marian feasts in September? (Nativity of Mary, Holy Name of Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows.)



Parish office will be **closed on Monday, Sept. 7th** in observance of **Labor Day** and will **reopen on Tuesday, Sept. 8th**

EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE



Join us for **DAILY AM and PM Holy Hours** for adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament and silent prayer *in the Sacred Heart Chapel.*
7 days a week: **6:30-7:30 AM and PM**
Come for all or a portion of the hour as your time allows.

MORNING PRAYER on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays** at **7:30 AM** in the Sacred Heart Chapel.

FLOCKNOTE- To receive email and/or text updates from St. Aloysius Church, please visit our website at www.saintalloysiuschurch.org, and sign up for Flocknote. Scroll down to bottom of home page under Receive Flocknote Updates.



MOMS (of all ages)-St. Aloysius Mothers' Group
Sept. 9 every 2nd Wed. of the month 7pm
StAloysiusMoms@CatholicMomsGroup.com



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING
Training for new altar servers will take place on **Sept. 12 and 19**, from **1:00-2:00 PM** in the church. Open to students **4th grade and above**.

VOCATIONS CROSS **Lisa Kohut** will take the cross home and pray for vocation this week:
<https://saintalloysiuschurch.org/vocations-cross>

Summer's last Hurrah!



Potluck Picnic

Please join us for a free parish potluck picnic!

The picnic will be held **rain or shine** on **Sunday, Sept. 13**, behind Father Andrew White School next to the playground from **12:30 pm – 2:30 pm**. Food will be served indoors in FAW gym regardless of the weather.



Food provided by parish:

Hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie and turkey burgers, and beverages: water, iced tea, and lemonade

Recommended food items to bring:

A – J *salad*
K – R *dessert*
S – Z *side dish*



To RSVP, see our website: <https://saintalloysiuschurch.org>



Our eight-part biweekly series
Next Meetings: Sept. 14, 21 & 28
7:00-8:30 PM
St. Aloysius Church Hall



This small group series is for anyone who's curious about faith or looking for a fresh start. Whether you've never been part of the Catholic Church, are exploring who Jesus is, or simply haven't been to church in a while, you are warmly invited. No pressure, no expectations—just a place to ask questions, listen, and explore. For more information visit our website at <https://saintalloysiuschurch.org/the-search>. *Scan the QR code to register.*

THE JOURNEY HIGH SCHOOL PILGRIMAGE

Invites all teens in Grades 8–12 to historic St. Clement's Island on Saturday, September 26, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., for a day of prayer and inspiring talks at the site where the first Catholic Mass was celebrated in the English colonies. Registration is \$10, and participants should bring a bag lunch and a camping chair or blanket. Register today at SouthernMarylandRoots.org.

Peace in the Storm Project— Small groups will meet **Friday, Oct. 2 at 2:00-3:00 PM in the Parish Hall.**



A ministry of hope and belonging. Through the inspired books and discussion guides by Maureen Pratt, we pray, reflect, grow closer to Jesus and each other. For more information, please contact Liz Tomaszeski at liz.tomaszeski@gmail.com

Please join us this Oct. 17 with Deacon Ed Shoener, founder of International Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers for *Suicide: The Need for the Healing Presence of Christ & His Church*. He founded the ministry in response to his own loss. The talk begins at 12-Noon to 2pm at St. Aloysius Church in the Parish Hall, 22800 Washington St., Leonardtown, MD 20650.

RSVP using this link: <https://stalloysius20650.flocknote.com/signup/270455> or call **Jessica at St. Francis Xavier Church (301)475-9885**.

RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY

REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Families of Faith, our parish children's Religious Education program, is scheduled to begin on Sunday, *September 13 at 9:15 am* at Father Andrew White School. For details and registration, go to:

<https://saintalloysiuschurch.org/familiesoffaith>



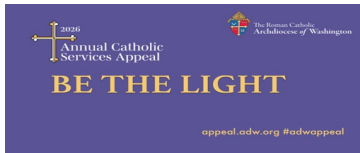
INTERESTED in learning more about the Catholic Faith or becoming Catholic?
Contact Leonard Wathen
at lwathen@saintalloysiuschurch.org for info.

STEWARDSHIP

ParishSoft online giving:
<https://giving.ParishSoft.com/app/giving/stalloysius>

SHARING OUR TREASURE– 8/29 and 8/30 2026

1st Collection	2nd Coll: St. Vincent de Paul
Offertory Basket \$ 3,329.00	Offertory Basket: \$ 2,296.00
Direct Debit: \$ 1,190.00	Total \$ 2,296.00
Total: \$ 4,519.00	



2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK: Catholic University
PATRON OF THE WEEK: Guy Brothers Marine Inc.

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August Online Giving: 8,650.00

POOR BOX



RECIPIENT WILL BE:
St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry
to help stock the shelves
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The next Open Pantry will be held on Sat., Sept. 19 from 9–11 AM. Food donations will be collected after all Masses. **Sept. 20** is Community Sunday. **MANY THANKS** to all who volunteer and donate so generously to support our food pantry!



The St. Vincent de Paul Society's (SVDP) 19th Annual Friends of the Poor Walk will be held Oct. 3, 2026. The goal of the Walk is to raise money to assist our neighbors with basic

needs including rent, utilities, medicine and food. Starting at Father Andrew White School, the walk route goes through the streets of Historic Leonardtown. There will be a post-walk brunch, music, theme baskets for a silent auction, balloons for children, and door prizes. Doors open at 7:30 am; Walk begins at 9:00 am. The Walk is sponsored by the SVDP Conferences at St. Aloysius and Immaculate Conception Churches. Register at www.walkforthepoor.com or on the day of the Walk. Donations can also be made on the registration site. For more information, contact Patty Belanger at (301) 904-7990.

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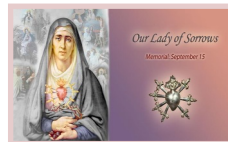
FAWS is seeking a **Maintenance Specialist** to work as-needed during the summer and 2026-27 school year. Hourly rate information available upon request. Please contact office@fatherandrewwhite.org or call 301-475-9795 with any questions.

FAWS is currently accepting applications for **Substitute Teachers** for the 2026-27 school year. Please email office@fatherandrewwhite.org or call 301-475-9795 for information.

FAWS is currently accepting applications for a **part-time music teacher** for the 2026-27 school year. Please apply online via adw.org or reach out to office@fatherandrewwhite.org for more information.

FAWS is currently accepting applications for a **part-time aftercare employee** for the 2026-27 school year! Please email office@fatherandrewwhite.org for more information.

COMMUNITY



A special Field Mass and Rosary will commemorate the **Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows on Tuesday, Sept. 15** at the St. Mary's Queen of Peace Cemetery at 38888 Doctor Johnson

Road in Mechanicsville (Helen), MD (located behind the Mother Catherine Academy School). Rosary and Mass are offered for the deceased members of our community, and the Church especially encourages those who have recently suffered a loss of joining us. Rosary and Mass will begin at 10:00 a.m. with Fr. Chip Luckett from Our Lady of the Wayside as our celebrant. An enclosable tent will be erected for everyone's comfort in the cemetery rain or shine. For more information you may contact the office of the Catholic Cemeteries Southern MD Regional Office at (301) 475-5005 or (301) 932-1766 or email us at qop@ccaw.org.



COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE:

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus
St. Mary's Council #1470

WHEN: Saturday, October 3, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
WHERE: Knights Hall, 41605 Fenwick St., Leonardtown
HOW: Sign up at: WWW.REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG
then insert KOC1470 into the box FIND A DRIVE in the upper right corner. Or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) After registering for your donation appt., use Rapid Pass the DAY of the drive to fast track your donation "check in." Go to: www.redcrossblood.org/RapidPass to learn more.

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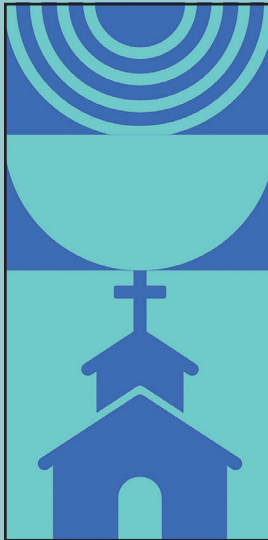
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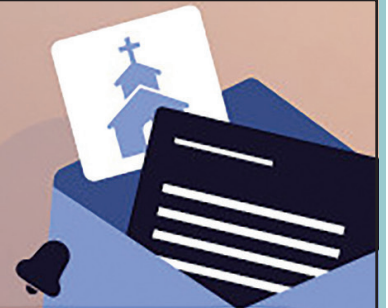


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